THE CHARLOTTE JOURNAL.

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY," FOR "POWER IS ALWAYS STEALING FROM THE MANY TO THE FEW."

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Col. W. Polk, Raleigh, N. C.
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WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1841.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	MOON'S PHASES.
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2 Sunday	5 30	6 30	For May, 1841.
3 Monday	5 29	6 31	h. m. s.
4 Tuesday	5 28	6 32	Full 5 8 47 morn.
5 Wednesday	5 26	6 33	Last 12 11 4 Sund'y
6 Thursday	5 25	6 34	New 20 6 27 even'g
7 Friday	5 24	6 35	First 27 9 51 morn.
8 Saturday	5 23	6 35	

The Farmers' Advocate.

PROSPECTUS FOR VOLUME III.

SINCE closing the 2d volume, an association has been formed, whereby the services of Mr. W. F. Richards, of Davidson county, N. C., will be secured to assist in the editorial department of the paper, provided a sufficient accession to our present list of subscribers can be obtained to justify such a measure: in which event, the Advocate, while the first is ascertained, and the necessary arrangements made, will be published semi-monthly, at Greensboro, Davidson county, N. C., as a super-royal sheet, for $1 50.... But in the event of a failure to obtain the proposed association, should the present subscription list, or nearly all the most of resilient encouragement, it is there stated, the paper will still be continued monthly on a super-royal sheet, for one dollar, as heretofore.

We would reasonably suppose, that the proposal of changing from a semi-monthly to a weekly paper would gain general satisfaction to all our present subscribers; because, for the small addition of fifty cents, a volume furnishing more than double the amount of reading matter could be secured—or, instead of giving one dollar for a volume of 288 pages, they will receive for one dollar and fifty cents a volume containing 520 pages. And moreover, in addition to the greater quantity of reading matter furnished, we have no doubt that the general interest would be thus communicated to our paper; as Mr. Richards, besides being a practical farmer, is a gentleman of considerable literary attainments.

In attempting to effect such an arrangement, should success not ensue, the least prejudice or disadvantage cannot possibly result to any of our present subscribers; because, should the attempt prove unsuccessful, the Advocate will continue to be published regularly, as heretofore. If we should succeed in effecting the anticipated change, a material advantage, in our estimation, will be the immediate result; for by the adoption of such measures as it will enable us to carry out, our means for imparting the paper,—for readers, will more accessible, and for giving a greater variety of agricultural, and thus making it more generally useful, will be greatly increased.

No material difference in the design of the paper will take place in consequence of the proposed change; but an infinitely different to the interest of the Farmer will still be observed, by using the best means calculated to advance a system of general improvement. We hope, fellow-citizens, that you will give us your cordial support in our efforts to establish on a permanent basis a paper having for its object the introduction of manures for the enriching of your soil—the improvement of your stock and farm productions—the perfecting of your agricultural and mechanical implements—the advancement of your scientific and literary pursuits, and the promotion of your interests in virtue; all of which simultaneously conduce to one grand purpose—to develope the natural resources of our common country for the mutual benefit of all; and thus promote the great design of creation.

As we consider Agriculture and its kindred pursuits of paramount importance to any other consideration, we design in the first place, to use all laudable exertions in procuring and disseminating practical information, essential to the interest, and calculated to increase the dignity of the Farmer.

Secondly:—*Education*, and the Literary Institutions of the country; also, good literary productions, both original and selected, will receive prompt attention, and a warm and friendly support.

Thirdly:—*Science* and the Mechanical Arts, will also be subjects of discussion, and favorably receive a liberal share of attention.

Fourthly:—Due attention will be paid to subjects calculated to promote the cause of *Virtue* and *Religion*; carefully suppressing every allusion, tending in any way to encourage sectarian prejudices.

Fifthly:—A community notice will also be taken of passing events of an important and interesting nature, both *Foreign* and *Domestic*; excluding all political contests, and subjects calculated to produce party animosity.

In short, our whole influence, so far as depends on the columns of the Advocate, will be unsparingly exerted in strengthening those pillars on which the prosperity and happiness, both of individuals and nations must be invariably based—the improvement of the soil, and the culture of the mind.

CONDITIONS.

All those who pay in advance, will receive fifty two numbers of sixteen octavo pages each, making in a year, a volume of 832 pages, for $1 50. To those forwarding $7 (free of postage, five copies will be forwarded; for $10, eight copies; for $13, twelve copies; for $20, eighteen copies; and for $30, thirty copies will be furnished.

If payment be delayed beyond three months after the first number is received, an additional sum of 37½ per cent. will be invariably exacted. The trouble and expense which unfortunately attends the collection of small debts at a distance, will render a strict adherence to this rule absolutely necessary.

All letters, communications, &c. to the publisher, must come free from postage, or they cannot be attended to.

No paper will be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, except at our option.

Postmasters, or other gentlemen, disposed to act as their influence, are respectfully requested to act as agents. Address

J. SHERWOOD &
W. F. RICHARDS.

Wrapping Paper.

JUST received and for sale at this Office a supply of Wrapping Paper. Also a few reams of Writing Paper.

JOB PRINTING

Neatly executed at this Office.

ELECTION.

THE Citizens of Mecklenburg County, are hereby notified, that in obedience to the Proclamation of the Governor of the State, Polls will be opened and held at the usual Election Precincts in this County, on THURSDAY, the 13th DAY OF MAY NEXT, to elect a Member for this District to the 27th Congress of the United States, when and where all qualified are requested to attend and vote.

T. N. ALEXANDER, *Sheriff.*
April 7, 1841. 131

BEEF! BEEF! BEEF!!!

THE Subscriber respectfully begs leave to inform the citizens of Charlotte, that he has made ample arrangements to furnish them for another year with first rate BEEF. He has been in the business now nearly five years, and the quality of his Beef and the moderate prices at which he has hitherto sold it, he hopes will ensure, when a continuance of liberal patronage. He will butcher and offer to market none but that of the very best quality, and nicely dressed.

THOMAS GOODLAKE.
March 25, 1841. 27tf

To the Virginia and United States Public.

THE subscriber proposes, if patronage will warrant the enterprise, to publish in the city of Washington, a Daily Political Journal, to be called the "OBSERVER." If subscriptions will justify this, his wish is to issue the first number on the first Monday of June next—one week or two at farthest, after the commencement of the Extra Session of Congress.

The Observer, if it goes into operation, will criticise freely and unreservedly, the action of the Federal Government, without fear, favor or affection." It will look for support to the *People*, and the People only. Having taken an active part in the election of Gen. Harrison, ardently hoping and confidently believing that his Administration will justify the generous confidence, and fulfil the patriotic expectations of the American People, I yet pledge myself to extend to it no indiscriminating support. I shall be happy to praise, but not afraid to censure. I have long ago promised my conscience never to be a mere worshipper, never to sustain any man or any set of men, against the Constitution of the country. This vow I mean to keep to the best of my ability, so help me God!

If the People will sustain me in this attempt, the fruits of near 20 years of editorial experience shall be dedicated diligently and laboriously, to render the Observer worthy of their favor. I promise them, and I will redeem it, that they shall have a political print at Washington, if not able, yet honest, faithful and true to them and the cause of the country, and the Rights of the States and of the People. Whether a print is or is not required at the Federal Metropolis, whose leanings shall be to the States and not to the central authority, I leave it to the country to say.

I throw out these proposals now, intending in a short time to be more specific. I wish to ascertain if there exists a disposition to support a paper at Washington which will give a cordial support to Gen. Harrison or any other President, while he confines himself to it by the Constitutionality of his course, but which will primarily be jealous and distrustful of Federal power, and certainly more prompt to attack its excesses than to acquiesce in them, let who will be at the head of the Government.

As the time is limited, I request those who are disposed to support me in this enterprise, to announce it by letter.

JNO. H. PLEASANTS.
Richmond, March 23d, 1841.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to me for Beef, either by Note or Account, are hereby notified that my papers are in the hands of Wm. Means for collection. Those who see proper to make immediate payment, can do so without cost, otherwise I must not be blamed for the consequence.

THOMAS GOODLAKE.
March 25, 1841. 27tf

SPOONER'S PATENT
HYGEIAN MEDICINES,

ARE the best and cheapest family and general medicines in use. These medicines are the result of a life of study and experience; the proprietor warrants them to effect a cure, or the purchase money will be returned by himself or travelling agent—They comprise the Hygeian or Family Pill; the Hygeian Tonic, to restore the debilitated or broken down constitution; the Uterine Pill, to cure those painful difficulties and diseases peculiar to women; and the Ague Pill, to cure intermittent fevers and agues. For further information, the afflicted are invited to possess themselves of the Hygeist and Extra Hygeist, furnished gratis at the proprietor's office, No. 2, Astor House, New-York, and by all his Agents. These papers contain information exceedingly interesting to the sick and invalids, together with twenty-five useful receipts, and a mass of facts and certificates, that must convince every reasonable mind, that the Hygeian Medicines are invaluable.

For sale by

THOS. J. HOLTON, Agent.
Charlotte, Jan. 13, 1841.

William Hagar & Co.

Type & Stereotype Foundry,
74 *Fulton, Corner of Gold Street N. York.*

THE Subscribers take this method of announcing to their friends and the public generally, that, having purchased the extensive and well known TYPE FOUNDRY, formerly owned by Messrs. Connor and Cooke, they have removed the same to their present central position. Having made extensive revisions, additions, and alterations, they are now prepared to execute orders of any magnitude they may be favored with, with promptness, and on as favorable terms as any other Foundry in America. To their new Specimen Book, which has been recently extensively circulated, they would respectfully refer.

All articles manufactured by them shall be of a material equal, if not superior to any manufactured in this country—and undergo a thorough examination as to appearance, ranging, dressing, and properly assorting. All articles exhibited in the Specimen Book, formerly issued by Connor and Cooke, together with perts to Fonts sold by them, can now be furnished from this Foundry without delay, with many since added.

WILLIAM HAGAR & CO. are agents for the sale of the Napier, Washington, and Smith Presses, which, together with Chases, Cases, Composing Sticks, Furniture, Ink, and every article used in the printing business, will be kept on hand, and furnished at manufacturers' prices.

N. B.—No machine cast Type manufactured at this Foundry.

New York, February 23, 1841.

Warrantee Deeds for sale at this Office.

A CARD.

DR. DANIEL ASBURY, informs his friends and the public generally, that he has located himself in Charlotte; where he will be happy to attend the calls of those who may be disposed to favor him with their patronage. His Shop is in the Office of the Journal, a few doors South East of the Court House.

Jan. 12, 1841.

NEW FIRM.

BETHUNE & JOHNSON

TENDER their services to the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general as

TAILORS.

No exertion shall be wanting on their part to give general satisfaction to those who may favor them with their patronage. All work done in their establishment warranted to be made in the most durable manner and latest fashion.

Good Fits warranted on all occasions.

Charlotte, Sept. 14, 1840. 51tf

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

ROWAN COUNTY.

Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1841.

Peter Owens vs. Elizabeth Owens } Petition for Divorce.

THE Court being satisfied, that the defendant in this case is not an inhabitant of this State, *It is therefore Ordered*, that publication be made for three months in the Carolina Watchman, a newspaper printed in Salisbury, and also in the Charlotte Journal, that the defendant appear at the next Superior Court of Law, to be held for the county of Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury, on the 4th Monday after the 3rd Monday in August next, and answer, or the said petition will be heard ex parte and judgment accordingly.

Witness, Jonathan Sneed, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the 4th Monday after the third Monday in February, A. D. 1841.

JUNIUS SNEED, *C. R. S. C.*
March 27. Price adv. $10. 130

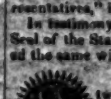
State of North-Carolina.

By His Excellency John M. Morehead, Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief, in and over the State aforesaid.

WHEREAS, I have been duly informed by the Proclamation of His Excellency William Henry Harrison, *President of the United States*, that the last Monday of May next, (being the 31st day thereof,) has been fixed upon by him for the meeting of the first Session of the twenty-seventh Congress of the United States: an event which renders it expedient and necessary that the Elections for the Representatives from this State in the next Congress should be held at an earlier day than the usual time of holding said Elections:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by an Act of the General Assembly of this State entitled "An Act concerning the mode of choosing Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States," (*Revised Statutes of N. C. Chapter* 124,) and to the end, that the Freemen of this State may be duly represented in the next Congress, at the first session commencing as aforesaid, I do issue this my Proclamation, hereby commanding and requiring all Sheriffs and other Returning Officers of the several Counties composing each Congressional District, to cause Polls to be opened and kept, and Elections to be held, for Representatives to the next Congress of the United States, on Thursday, the thirteenth day of May next, at the places established by law in their respective Counties, for holding said Elections. And I do further command and require said Sheriffs, and other Returning Officers, to meet for the purpose of comparing the Polls, at the times and places prescribed by law for that purpose. And I do, by this, my Proclamation, further "require the Freemen of this State, to meet in their respective Counties, at the time" aforesaid, and "at the places established by law, then and there to give their votes for Representatives," in the next Congress.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with my hand.



Done at the City of Raleigh, this the twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty-fifth.

J. M. MOREHEAD.

By the Governor:
JAS. T. LITTLEJOHN, P. Sec'y.

PRESS FOR SALE.

BEING desirous of embarking in another business, I now offer the establishment of the WILMINGTON ADVERTISER, for sale.

I do not know of a more eligible situation for persons desirous of embarking in the printing business, than Wilmington, North Carolina.

Terms accommodating. Application must be post paid.

Our exchange papers will oblige us by copying this advertisement until forbidden.

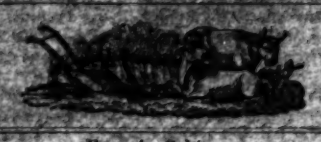
F. C. HILL.
Wilmington, Nov. 12 1840.

WARRANTEE DEEDS

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Nicholas Biddle and the U. S. Bank.—Mr. Biddle has come out with several letters in the *National Gazette*, asserting, that "during his connexion with the U. S. Bank, it never owned a bale of Cotton—and will not, he believes, lose a dollar by any operation in Cotton, unless by great mismanagement hereafter." All that the Bank did, while under his direction, was to purchase bills founded on direct shipments of Cotton, a measure which he declares has always been to him a source of pride, "from its benefits to the Bank and to the country." Its benefit to the South was decided, as it certainly prevented a ruinous depression in the price of our great staple. Mr. Biddle insists too, that he left the Presidency of the Bank, when it was in a condition of high prosperity; and that its disasters have been the result of mismanagement since he left it—and especially of its efforts to break down the Banks of New York.—*Charleston Courier.*

RURAL ECONOMY.



From the Cultivator.

MEANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

We invite the attention of the readers of the Cultivator to the following extracts which we make from the letter of an eminent individual, and one of the most intelligent and thoroughly practical farmers in our country. The opinions of such men on the subject of agriculture, and the best means of advancing it, deserve and will receive consideration:

"As to legislative aid, whenever farmers shall be convinced that it is for their advancement and interest, whenever they shall wake up to the importance of their pursuit, and its intimate connection with the prosperity of their country, they will have it; their petitions will command immediate attention, and what we are now craving as a boon, *they* will require as their right. But with all due deference to others, I would suggest on this point we are premature; we are in advance of the times, and are trying to force on the farmer what he has not yet been taught to appreciate. With these views, I would rather turn the attention of the Society to the more extended circulation of Agricultural Periodicals, as the great preparative step to improvement; for myself, I feel it a great individual gain whenever I can induce a neighbor to subscribe to a periodical—he becomes to me a more intelligent and valuable associate—our minds have been occupied with the same subjects, and are prepared to converse of them when we meet, and exchange our views, opinions and experience, upon, whatever has been presented to us. I also believe that occasional lectures adapted particularly to the agricultural community, and having in view certain prejudices which might thus be overcome, would be of infinite service, and would go far to convince them of the great advantage to be derived from reading. The moment the great body of agriculturists consent to *read* they will become the most intelligent portion of society, and I need scarcely say, the most influential. Let the farmer read, and he will soon understand what will most conduce to his interests, and will learn how best to promote and secure them. I think then there will be no difficulty in supporting an agricultural school in various districts of the State, and I am strongly inclined to believe that they would be more useful than one large institution as was formerly contemplated. * * *

"It may be said that these are subjects for individual action. I am aware of it, and most sincerely do I hope that every friend of agricultural improvement will so consider them, and if they view them as I do, that they may be induced to act upon them. There are those in every community, who by a small sacrifice of time and attention, and with a very trifling expenditure in aid of the objects to be desired, may in a few years revolutionize the present miserable state of agriculture around them, and thus become identified with the best interests and most enduring prosperity of their neighborhood."

This appears to us to be sound doctrine. Make men intelligent, make them to understand the subjects that are of the most consequence to them, place in their hands those works that relate to their business and their interests, and they will soon act understandingly and decisively. We believe, and we doubt not all well informed men will concur with us, that the most effectual means for the advancement of agriculture in this country, and placing the farmer in the position which the genius and institutions of the land allot to him, is the diffusion of agricultural knowledge—teaching the farmer to *read*, and thus disabuse his mind of the prejudice which still lingers with so many, of the inutility of science, knowledge, and general learning, in connection with agriculture.

It may easily be shown that there is no single occupation or business in life, where extensive knowledge is more necessary than it is to a full understanding and proper practice of agriculture. There is none so intimately blended with all the important branches of the natural sciences as this; none to which geology, chemistry, botany, and entomology, are such important contributors and invaluable auxiliaries. The earth, the air, are full of instruction to the farmer; the pebble, leaf insect; the composition and decomposition of matter and its causes, are all before him, all constantly going on around him, all inviting attention as part of the processes, he must produce if he is a successful cultivator of the soil. He must read; and if he feels the value of knowledge himself, he will be proportionably anxious that those around him, his neighboring farmer, his friends should read also. A community of knowledge constitutes one of the strongest ties that can bind society together; whatever may be the topic, it is a bond of feeling and interest not easily broken or destroyed. An intelligent practical man may change the whole course of agriculture in a neighborhood, and give an impulse to its prosperity, which may endure long after the cause is forgotten. We have seen a man go into a neighborhood of farmers, respectable men, but who did not read, and felt the old fashioned contempt and aversion for those who did. This man was a reader of agricultural papers, and when an improvement was pointed out that his good judgment showed was adapted to his means, his farm, or his circumstances, he adopted it at once. He improved his farm by draining his lands, and nearly doubling the ordinary crops, by skilful cropping and rotation. He improved his stock by purchasing at great cost, superior animals to breed from. His neighbors at first called him a *book farmer*, and sneered at his management. They soon found the laugh was on the wrong side, and began to inquire the causes. If he could get a neighbor to read, his periodicals were at their service; and if he met a brother farmer, some proposition was made or some inquiry started which he was sure would lead to useful results. Soon they found agricultural papers necessary, and became subscribers themselves; an agricultural paper has become as indispensable as a political one, and its arrival is always looked for with interest and pleasure. The prominent farmers of that neighborhood are now *readers*; several different publications are received; and when they meet, the comparative merits of the different modes of husbandry are freely and intelligently discussed. We would wish to see such examples as this more frequently imitated.—When they become common, it will be a proud day for American agriculture. In such instances, we trace the true secret of improvement, for although the looker on may at first sneer at the reader he is sure eventually to imitate, first the improvements he makes, and lastly his course of reading. We ask it then as a favor, of every friend to agricultural improvement, to bring a knowledge of farming periodicals to the notice of his neighbors—let them be induced to become subscribers—to read, to reflect on the means of improving their cultivation, and a point will be gained, which will afford a rational hope of rapidly increasing and permanent prosperity.—*Cultivator.*

A JOKE AND THE AFTERCLAPS.

"One day within the last week," says the Philadelphia Chronicle, "a lady of Southwark, who had conceived some cause of dislike for a certain physician of that quarter, and being disposed to wound his feelings, and mortify his professional dignity, hit on the following expedient for so doing. She sent for the doctor, intimating that a sick person stood in need of his services. The doctor arrived, entered the apartment where the lady sat with two female acquaintances, and was directed to a cradle, in which he expected to find a sick child. On removing the quilt, he discovered a large tomcat, filled up with a baby's cap, &c., and at the moment of making this discovery, he heard a half suppressed titter proceeding from the corner of the room where the ladies sat. The doctor, no wise daunted, changed not a muscle of his countenance, but with all the gravity becoming the physician, felt the pulse of the quadruped, took out his pencil, wrote a prescription, took up his hat and cane, bade the ladies good afternoon and departed. As soon as he was out of hearing, Mrs. ——— and her companion gave full vent to their merriment and laughed over the trick for an hour, when their mirth was somewhat damped by the entrance of a young man who presented the doctor's bill, wherein was charged the maximum price for a visit. Nothing could be said against the justice of the demand, and the money was paid with evident vexation. So the doctor had his joke as well as the lady.

CULTIVATE POLITENESS OF MANNERS.

It is incumbent upon every one to be courteous and respectful in his intercourse with neighbors, acquaintances, or with the public generally. To inferiors, speak kindly and considerately, so as to relieve them from any feeling of being beneath you in circumstances; to equals, be plain unaffected in manner, and to superiors show becoming respect, without, however descending to subservience and meanness. In short, act, a manly, courteous, and inoffensive part in all the situations of life in which you may be placed. Society has ordained certain modes of address, and certain exterior signs of respectfulness, which it behoves us to support and personally attend to. By attention to the rules such as we have alluded to, the poorest man will be entitled to the character of a gentleman, and by inattention to them, the most wealthy individual will be essentially vulgar. Vulgarity signifies coarseness or indelicacy of manner and is not necessarily associated with poverty or lowliness of condition.—Thus an operative artizan may be a gentleman, and worthy of our particular esteem; while an opulent merchant may be only a vulgar clown, with whom it is impossible to be on terms of friendly intercourse.—We say, cultivate politeness of manners, by all means, for it is refined civility, and will spare both ourselves and others much unnecessary pain.

Important Discovery.—Baron Dupolet, of Paris, has presented to the Academy of Medicine a *Deaf Mute*, ten years of age, whose speech and hearing he had restored by a magnetic process. The Academy immediately appointed a commission to inquire into the truth of a fact which, if true can to overturn all previous notions of science. Their report is looked for anxiously.

Since that time the Baron submitted to his process a deaf mute of the age of five years. A certificate of a member of the Academy of Medicine proves that the child was both deaf and dumb from its birth.—The miraculous process of the Baron was evident, for at the end of three sittings the child heard and repeated every word pronounced in its presence. The Baron states that he has cured nineteen persons by this simple process.

From the National Intelligencer, 15th ult.

State of the Currency.

The Nachez "Free Trader," of a late date, says: "On Saturday we saw a ten dollar gold piece sold for $100 in Mississippi Railroad Notes; and on Monday a common Marseilles vest brought $100 in notes on the Mississippi Shipping Company." This gives us some idea of the condition of the currency in the State of Mississippi, where, we presume, it is at its lowest state of degradation.

Things are bad enough, however, nearer home. Take the following facts and reflections, for example, from the Georgia Journal of the 6th of this month: "What a glorious currency our State is now *blessed* with! Only think reader: we have money at *par* value—at 2 per cent, 4 per cent, 6 per cent, 8 per cent, 10 per cent, 20 per cent, 30 per cent—*any per cent, discount*, that you please! What more can a *reasonable* man desire!" The Journal then describes the operations which, the Editors say, they have sat down by their window and witnessed every day for the last two months. A poor fellow, for instance, who has money to pay, sets out with *Monroe Railroad* notes; by paying a heavy discount he converts them into *Central Bank* notes; these undergo the same process of discount, and become *Hawkinsville*; another shave converts them into *Columbus funds*, and yet another turns them into available money. "Sometimes," says the Editors, "we have pitied, sometimes we have laughed at these distresses of our friends. Latterly, however, we have begun to view them in a more serious light; and we frequently, involuntarily, ask ourselves if this state of things is to be submitted to any longer? Is there no remedy for it? *Are we to toil from day to day, and the profits of our labor to be swallowed up in this manner?* Seriously, *something must be done*, to remedy the evils consequent upon having a bad currency." These are reflections which force themselves upon the minds even of those who are least willing to entertain them. With the Editors of the Journal, we too say that SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. In saying this, we state a proposition which, we believe, no sane man will, in view of such facts as the above, undertake to dispute.

Having established the position that *something* must be done, the question arises, *How shall it be done?* Is it within the power of the State of Mississippi, or the State of Georgia, by any legislation of theirs, to restore a sound currency? Is it within the power of the State Governments, each acting only within its own sphere to establish a currency of equal value throughout the United States? Undoubtedly not. It is an office which can only be executed by the General Government. It is one of the purposes for which a General Government was established; and the power over the currency was one of the first powers which the General Government exercised after getting fairly under way.

The next question is, WHAT *shall be done?* Our opinion is, that there is no prescription which affords so fair a prospect for a cure of the disease as the establishment of a NATIONAL BANK. If those of our Whig friends who have conscientious scruples in regard to this particular measure, would propose any other, offering the least hope of relief, we should be glad to see a trial made of it; believing, nevertheless, that any further experiments upon the currency will only protract the disease under which it labors, and end at last in the same measure, a National Bank. It is time, at least, that our thoughts should be turned to the consideration of the proper remedy, when it can no longer be denied that a remedy of some sort is necessary, and can only be applied through the instrumentality of the General Government.

The season is propitious for the publication of the following Letter, on the utility and necessity of a National Bank, from one of the purest patriots whose names adorn the history of our country; and of those Fathers of the great Republican School so respectfully alluded to in the late address of President Tyler to the People of the United States. This Letter was originally published ten years ago: but many of our present readers have probably never seen it, and those who do remember it will acknowledge, on re-perusing it, that its reasoning has gained additional strength from the occurrences which have intervened since it first appeared.

LETTER FROM EX-PRESIDENT MONROE

TO SILAS E. BURROWS, ESQ.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 20, 1831.

DEAR SIR: The confidence I have in your rectitude and patriotism will induce

ment to give an explicit answer to the gentlemen's interrogatories contained in your letter of the 7th, though I fear they may consider such declining as locking still closer the doors of the Treasury.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., in which you state it to be the intention of the Government to make a permanent deposite of the public funds in the Bank of the United States, and request to be informed whether, in case the Secretary of the Treasury should think proper to direct the transfer of the deposites now in the State Banks to the Bank of the United States, I will undertake to make the transfer on the terms proposed in the act to incorporate the Bank of the United States.

In reply to this request, I have to inform you that, in my opinion, the public deposites ought to be withdrawn from the State Banks, and placed in the Bank of the United States, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for that purpose, without inconvenience to the public service; and that, if the Secretary of the Treasury should think proper to direct the transfer, I will undertake to make it on the terms proposed in the act to incorporate the Bank of the United States.

I am, dear sir, with great respect and esteem, your most obedient servant,

JAMES MONROE.

Silas E. Burrow, Esq., N. Y.

Atmospheric Salts.—We find in the last number of Silliman's Journal an illustration of the preservative properties of atmospheric salts—properties which have long been known, and were for unexpectedly recently brought to our recollection, at par. This process is, briefly, this: The Baron is threatened by the Government, with a withdrawal of the deposites, unless he will support the measures of the Administration. He refuses, and is removed. The Government then deposites the money in the Bank, and the Baron is left to his own resources. Such is the history of the case, as we understand it, and such the moral which it inculcates. Let the people of the United States ponder well upon it.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Washington to his friend in this city, dated Dec. 28, 1833.

"I have just received your letter of the 26th inst., and have only time to say that I am glad to find that you are in favor of the Bank. Every man of sense is in favor of it, and the people will be with us. Mr. Clay has introduced a resolution to restore the deposites, which will be taken up on Monday next. I am confident that we shall succeed in passing it. Mr. Webster is also in favor of it, and will support it. Mr. Calhoun is also in favor of it, and will support it. Mr. Clay is also in favor of it, and will support

...remaining in use of my people, to answer them all in a manner either satisfactory to themselves or to myself, I am sincerely grateful for the consideration for the information of the Clergy and of the Public at large.

In progressing the above statement, it has been my object to collect all the incidents and facts that have come to my knowledge respecting the late President while in Washington—no one of which, singly, would be of sufficient importance to establish his Christian character; yet, when combined, they agreeably harmonize in manifesting the best of his mind; and the ruling desires of his heart.

May God, in mercy to the Nation, overrule and mantify this painful dispensation of his Providence to the welfare and prosperity of his Church, the cause of true piety, and the establishment of his kingdom among men!

WM. HAWLEY,
Rector of St. John's Church.
Washington, April 19, 1841.

Charlotte:

Thursday, May 6, 1841.

Republican Whig Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS.

Col. D. M. Barringer, of Cabarrus.

ELECTION THE 13TH OF MAY.

We are authorized to announce B. OATES, Esq., as a candidate for reelection to the office of Clerk of Mecklenburg County Court, at the next election.

Charlotte, April 1, 1841.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES T. ALEXANDER, jun., as a Candidate for the Office of County Court Clerk.

April 8, 1841.

We are authorized to announce JENNINGS B. KERR, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court.

April 20, 1841.

ELECTION THE 5TH OF AUGUST.

To the Whigs!

WHIGS of the 11th Congressional District, REMEMBER that the election for a Representative to Congress, takes place THURSDAY WEEK. Arouse from your lethargy, and act with vigor and decision—in your strength come to the ballot box and deposit your votes for the man of your choice—lose not this opportunity of acting the part of free and independent citizens; but show your devotion to the great principles of Reform, so successfully carried out last November, when the great object of your wishes was attained. Forming a part of the American people, you put your veto upon the course of corruption and extravagance adopted by the party then in power and assisted to consign to the shades of oblivion, the dynasty that had well nigh ruined our beloved country. REMEMBER that your labors have not yet terminated. The ultimate success of the great principles of reform and economy involved in the late contest, require the election of liberal, enlightened and patriotic statesman, who will, regardless of party strife and party dictation, promote the interests and welfare of the nation.

REMEMBER that *Col. Barringer* is before you standing upon his ability, merit and integrity.

REMEMBER that he will sustain the Administration, and promote the interests of the Republic, against the "destructives."

REMEMBER that if *Mr. Caldwell* is elected, he will oppose the creation of a National Bank, and thereby keep the country in its present ruinous condition.

REMEMBER that *Mr. Caldwell*, if elected, will be in favor of giving the Public Lands to the States in which they are situated, thereby depriving the State of North Carolina of her own lands.

REMEMBER that patriotism requires every man to do his duty.

THE CORONATION.

According to ancient custom introduced from "merry England," the young ladies in this place elected Miss Mary J. Wilson "Queen of May," and became her "dutiful and loyal subjects." Last Saturday at the Female Academy, under a canopy erected in the grove and gracefully decorated and festooned with flowers "fragrant, wild and sweet," by the ladies, the ceremony of Coronation was performed amid the smiles of beauty and innocence. After marching through the grove attended by her fair and gladsome subjects, the happy, young and lovely Queen, ascended the throne, where, surrounded by her beautiful and smiling "Maids of Honor," she was addressed in a graceful and appropriate manner by Miss Mary Cabeen, who, in conclusion, wreathed with the "Floral Crown," the fair brow of the Rosy Queen, after which, Miss Sarah Rea delivered an address to her Majesty.

This youthful display of gladness and festivity, called forth the sympathy and feeling of all—for who could be insensible and callous to the charms of youth, innocence and loveliness in a scene like this! Every face appeared cheerful and every eye beamed with pleasure—except those now weary where, midst the gaiety and the gay, alike felt the mockery and emptiness of the scene—all seemed to have forgotten care and sorrow to sympathize with the fair, youthful and light-hearted beings before them. The old, looked upon the array of smiling faces, happy hearts, and fairy forms and remembered the days of *their* childhood and youth; and as memory traced the faint outline of by-gone days, the tear in many an eye dimmed its lustre.

Called forth by the occasion, several gentlemen delivered neat and proper addresses, in harmony with the gay and joyous scene. In conclusion; by the kindness and politeness of Mrs. Hutchison, the numerous spectators were regaled with a variety of refreshments, distributed in profusion by the bright-eyed subjects of May's lovely Queen. Who could resist such a fascinating temptation? we couldn't; but upon the approach of a couple of smiling nymphs, laden with viands such as gods might feast upon; we, not having the fear of *dyspepsia* before our eyes, deliberately laid hold of a piece of *Cake* and in the fullness of our heart wished the happy Maidens ten thousand blessings, and years of happiness without a tear of sorrow.

THE BRANCH MINT.

Rumors are in circulation, that this establishment will be suppressed during the Extra Session of Congress: whether these reports be correct or not, it is evident to all that this institution is now less favorably regarded than formerly—the golden dreams and auriferous visions of its founders have not been realized. When the act creating the Branch Mint, passed both Houses of Congress and became a law, it was hailed as an omen of prosperity to the mining portion of the country. If the hopes of its friends have been disappointed, and its most sanguine supporters deceived, is there not abundant cause? Under the feeble and puerile management and superintendence of Col. Wheeler, who is much better qualified to perceive the beauties of *Fielding*, than to conduct successfully the affairs of such an institution, it has long languished, and now drags a sickly and precarious existence.

The interests of the great mining region, extending over a large part of North and South Carolina, demand the support and continuance of the Branch Mint at this place. Under able and efficient management, it would flourish and afford the Mining community great facilities for the conversion of bullion into coin.

We hope that the interests and prosperity of a large part of territory, rich in the precious metals, and abounding in valuable minerals, will be consulted before this vitally important institution be abrogated.—When an attempt was made during the last Session of Congress to suppress the Branch Mints, the southern members, without distinction of party, rallied manfully in their support and defence: should the attempt again be made, we trusts it will be attended with like results.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The locofocos with G. W. Caldwell at the head and "steaming Stephen" at the tail, are making a great outcry against Col. Barringer, because he is in favor of distributing the proceeds of the Public Lands to the States. Knowing the weakness of their cause, they must resort to something to delude and blindfold the people, or they must sink. This hobby, they will find before long, cannot carry them safely, amid the light of public intelligence and investigation.

Some of the people may not be aware by what tenure the General Government holds these lands; and the purposes to which the proceeds of the sales have been applyed. For the information of such, we will trace the origin and causes which induced the individual states, to cede to the General Government, the unappropriated and waste lands they possessed beyond their chartered limits.

At the close of the American Revolution, the Government of the United States was burdened with an immense public debt, which weighed down its energies and depressed its operations. To aid in liquidating this debt, the old States ceded the large bodies of land beyond their territory to the Government. When the States thus ceded their lands, it was for a specified purpose, viz: to aid in extinguishing the National Debt. This purpose has been achieved and the remainder by right, belongs to the original possessors. When the States ceded these lands, they never contemplated the application of their proceeds by the General Government, to the ordinary purposes of Revenue. This would indeed have been an act of more than mortal disinterestedness! What! give up their own property to the use of the General Government for the purpose of revenue; and then tax their citizens to raise a revenue to defray their own expenses! In the course of human actions such acts of generosity never occur. Col. Barringer maintains, in common with the great body of the Whig Party, that the purposes for which they were ceded has been accomplished; and that the proceeds of the remaining should now be given to the States, who can apply them as they choose. If the original grantors bestowed them upon the General Government for the purpose of extinguishing the Public Debt, and that debt has been paid, to what purpose, we would ask, could they be legally applyed? But we had almost forgotten the National debt of FORTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS! created by the *economical* and *retrenching* administration of Mr. Van Buren, which intruded upon our calculations—locos, we beg your pardon, that must be paid before distribution.

NON-COMMITTAL—NO CIRCULAR.

The good citizens of this District have no doubt been surprised, why the loco foco candidate for Congress has issued no Circular to "define his position." Unlike Col. Barringer, who candidly and fairly published to the world his doctrines and principles, the no-circular candidate, refuses to exhibit to the public his peculiar views and opinions. Should he pursue this course, it would hereafter prevent his change of position, as unfortunately, such things upon paper may sometime or other be presented to the public at a most inconvenient juncture. To avoid such an unpleasant occurrence, he has prudently resolved to act upon the maxim of Fallstaff; who, when threatened with a dangerous rencounter, wisely concluded that, "discretion is the better part of valor." Another motive for non-committal, arises from the fact that the party is compounded of such heterogeneous materials, that no general description of principles would be received—one part calls itself State Rights Republican, another Democratic Republican. Now it would never do for him to declare himself a State Rights Republican in every corner of the District; as such a declaration would draw on him the ire of the Jacksonian Democrats, who were chafing to flush their swords in the carcases of the refractory State Rights Republicans of South Carolina. Should he pronounce himself a real simon pure Democrat of the Jackson school, the followers and retainers of John C. Calhoun would bristle up and show their teeth in formidable array; to prevent this unfortunate collision of interests, he leaves the people to arrive at his principles of democracy the best way they can.

NEW COURT HOUSE.

It affords us pleasure to state, that the County Court has made an order for the purchase of a site in this village, on which to erect a New Court House. Long has the dilapidated edifice in the centre of the streets, been a reproach to the taste and intelligence of Mecklenburg. The flourishing condition of our town and its appearance will be much enhanced, by this necessary measure. Where the Commissioners will locate this building is not known; however there will be no scarcity of offers we presume, as every one who owns a number of lots, will be anxious to have it placed upon one, to raise the value of the remaining; by this kind of competition, they will be able to purchase upon fair and moderate terms.

VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.

The State elections, and for Representatives to the 27th Congress, took place in Virginia on the 22d of April. By last mail we expected to receive full returns from the State, but were disappointed. So far as heard from, the Whigs have gained three and lost one member of Congress.

In the 10 Districts heard from the Whigs have elected 10 members and the locos 9 including the late Speaker Hunter. So far the result is highly favorable to the good cause of reform—soon will the "Old Dominion" be free from the poisonous folds of locofoco embrace; and again inhale the pure atmosphere of political freedom, beyond the pestiferous influence of the malign Enquirer.

The following table shows the Whig gain and loss.

Whigs.	*Locofocos.*
Francis Mallory,	John W. Jones,
Henry A. Wise,	George P. Cary,
John M. Botts,	Linn Banks,
John Taliaferro,	W. O. Goode,
Cuthbert Powell,	Lewis Steenrod,
Thos. W. Gilmer,	Walter Coles,
Wm. L. Goggin,	R. W. Hubbard, (gain)
R. W. Batten, (gain,)	Geo. W. Hopkins.
A. H. H. Stuart, (gain,)	
G. W. Summers, (gain,)	
Robt. M. T. Hunter.	

In the House of Delegates, the Whigs have gained six and lost nine—in the State Senate there is a Whig gain of one, which will prevent the checkmating action of that body in future.

OHIO AND ABOLITION.

The bill granting a Jury trial to fugitive Slaves, has been indefinitely postponed in the House of Representatives of Ohio. It will be remembered that there is a large Whig majority in that branch. The "Ohio Confederate," a Whig paper, published at the seat of Government, expresses its gratification at this result.—*Raleigh Register.*

THE BALLOON.

As the weather has somewhat moderated in its severity, and caused certain smiles in her verdant robes, we propose to give several gentlemen a "voyage aerial," for the benefit of their duties, and the interests of the public generally.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

These *energetic* and *active* set of individuals deserve the thanks of the whole community, for their *prompt* and *efficient* discharge of their duty. They never disturb the order or system which prevails in our goodly town; nor molest the rocks, stones, &c. which incommode the pedestrian along the side walks. If a dead dog is thrown into the street, they quietly let his carcase putrefy, for the benefit of the "*aasy public*;" this act of forbearance on their part, will save a large amount of expenditure, which the citizens would otherwise pay for "ammoniacal salts," spirits of harishorn, &c. If any part of a side walk becomes impassable, they cast no obstruction in the way of the passer by, as he changes sides of the street. If the curbing of the public wells looks as if the hogs had chewed it, they trouble themselves not about these things, but pursue the even tenor of their way.

THE LAZY CLUB.

From several indications, we venture to predict the reorganization of this *Morpheus* band, under its old, well-tried, and faithful leaders—the late president has been twice seen to yawn with a peculiar drowsiness; while the secretary has within the last week been observed to sit near three hours in the rays of the sun, without uttering a word. Should it commence operations soon, the price of opium will decline rapidly; though the loss may be counterbalanced by the increased demand for lizzards.

OUR MERCHANTS.

In this place, this class of the community seems to be in possession of a peculiar and exquisite taste—"a most excellent fancy"—a delicate perception of the proper and beautiful. This is exhibited for the admiration of the *vulgar* and *unsoaped*, in various ways and occasions; such as obstructing the passage along the pavements by divers heaps of boxes, barrels, crates and kegs, much to the grace and ornament of the streets, and the convenience of the citizens. This *praiseworthy* custom, properly carried out and judiciously managed, denotes the stock of goods purchased by the *box piler*—it being an infallible sign of a small business, to display but few boxes before the store. To avoid this suspicious imputation we have known boxes to be carried and put in a *warm* and *dry* place forming a kind of magazine, from which the "stock on hand" might be occasionally replenished.

Piscatorial depredators.—Certain followers and disciples of Izak Walton, not having the fear of the "scaly tribe" before them, have, times without number, resorted to a famous pond in this vicinity, where, with "evil intent" and "malice afore thought," regardless of the peace, dignity, rights, and lives of its inhabitants, they have by divers hooks, lines, poles, grubs, worms, flies, cakes of bread, and pieces of dough, laid and contrived sundry baits, and snares to deceive, decoy, catch and destroy, the said inhabitants. The depredators have by these means, been able to pamper their taste and gratify the voracious appetites of the *flesh*, at the expense of *fish*. Now, should this destructive warfare and persecution be continued, multitudes of trout, pike, suckers, perches and roaches, must become victims to the ceaseless duplicity and cunning practised upon their unsuspecting ignorance, and evening after evening, hang dangling upon a forked stick, wagging their tails about in horror and consternation!

Lexington.—The death of the President was announced at Lexington (Kentucky) in due course of the mail. At a large assembly of citizens Henry Clay moved the adoption of the following among other resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with feelings of the deepest regret and sorrow of the death of WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, late President of the United States, and that, whilst we bow with dutiful submission to this afflicting dispensation of Providence, we lament that he should have been cut off so early in the official term of his administration of the powers and duties of Chief Magistrate of the United States.

Resolved, That we will concur in any mode of testifying the national sense of the great public loss which has been sustained that Congress may recommend, or which may be otherwise generally agreed upon.

MORE ILL NEWS FROM FLORIDA.

Correspondence of the Savannah Republican.

PILATKI, APRIL 19.

GENTLEMEN; I am sorry to inform you that the war has broken out anew. I have just learned that all the Indians, save about twenty, have left Tampa—among them Wild Cat, and in fact all of any note. They have killed a couple of express riders. The bag containing the mail has been found perforated with two bullets, one of which was found in a package of letters. I fear we shall hear bad news shortly from these Indians.

It is said that, on going to Washington, Gen. Harrison was very much surprised to find that there was no *Bible* in the President's House. He declared that it ought to constitute a part of the furniture; and said that out of the first appropriation made for the Executive Mansion, he would cause to be purchased the best that could be procured, and have written in it "*To the President of the United States, from the People of the United States.*"—*Ral. Register.*

☞ A western editor states that nothing is sweeter than the fond and ardent kiss of one we love except *molasses!*

OH LORDY!!

Hooo-ra-a-a-a-h! What shall we do! Our hearts were wavering and when we think of the terrible calamity which has befallen us! There is "no balm in Gilead" of sufficient virtue to heal our troubled spirits! That nice young man who publishes the "Mecklenburg Jeffersonian" won't exchange with us! Oh but it's distressing! A few weeks ago, this Jeffersonian man told some *little things* that happened not to *be true*, and we corrected him—giving him to understand that he *lied*.—He, it appears got into a *terrible* rage—uttered divers hard sayings against us—said that it was beneath "the dignity of the Press," and all that sort of thing—and wound up by sending the Banner back. Oh, dear!

We have no particular wish, Mr. Jeffersonian, to retain you on our exchange list. Be off, and welcome! All we have to say at parting is this: we have yet to learn that it is derogatory to the "dignity of the Press" to *check* lying: we have always thought that *your* course—inventing and giving circulation to falsehoods—was better calculated to have that effect. If it be undignified to endeavor put a stop to lying, what must it be to *lie*! Mr. Jeffersonian, if you don't like to be told of your falsehoods—don't tell them! Good bye, sir!—*Whig Banner.*

RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.

The election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Members of Congress, and of the Legislature took place in Rhode Island on Wednesday. There was no regular opposition to the Whig candidates, with the exception of one Senator and sundry Assemblymen. Consequently Samuel W. King, of Johnston, is re-elected Governor, Byron Dimon, of Bristol, Lieutenant Governor, Joseph L. Tillinghast and Robert B. Cranston Members of Congress for two years from the 4th of March last, Henry Bowen Secretary of State, Albert C. Greene, Attorney General, and Stephen Cahoone, Treasurer. All Whigs, and re-elected.

The Assembly consists of 72 members, 48 of whom in the last Legislature were Whigs, and 24 Van Buren men.

Mr. Calhoun, is *stumping* it through the South. We learn from the Columbus (Geo.) Enquirer, that he arrived there on the 16th *inst.* and on the afternoon of that day, in consequence of an intimation through the city that he would make a speech, a large crowd assembled to hear him. The Enquirer says that public expectation was greatly disappointed at his labored effort of two hours length. We are not surprised. This making a speech in cold blood, without even a dinner to warm it, in a strange place, and in favor of a party of which after what he has said of it, he cannot but be ashamed, must have been an up-hill business. He left Columbus for the West on Sunday, the 18th.—*Fay. Obs.*

Incident during the Funeral Procession in New York.—A woman, who must have been nearly ninety years of age, and almost bent double, leaning on a staff, followed the procession through the entire route. She appeared deeply affected; and in reply to a gentleman who made the enquiry, said she had known and nursed Gen. Harrison when he was an infant, and never thought to have lived to witness his funeral.

MARRIED

In this county, on the 21st ult. by the Rev. A. L. Watts, Mr. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL to Miss MARY M. PRICE, daughter of Isaac Price, dec'd.

Fee received—all Korrect.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having just returned from Charleston, avails himself of this opportunity to announce to his friends and the public generally, that he has purchased and is now receiving a handsome assortment of

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

Dry Goods,

Ladies and Gentlemen's

SHOES, PUMPS and SLIPPERS,

a large stock of

HATS & BONNETS,

Hardware, Queensware and GROCERIES,

all which the public are assured, are offered and will be sold at prices extremely low, and especially to all such as pay CASH.

☞ Having lately embarked in the business, he earnestly solicits purchasers to give him a call before buying elsewhere, and he will use every effort to make it to their interest to purchase.

W. S. PERRY.

Charlotte, May 4, 1841. 32tf

Book-Binding.

WILLIAM HUNTER would inform his customers and the public generally, that he still continues the BOOK-BINDING BUSINESS at his old stand, a few doors south-east of the Branch Mint. He will be happy to receive orders in his line, and pledges himself to spare no pains to give complete satisfaction.

☞ Orders left at his Shop, or at the Office of the "Mecklenburg Jeffersonian," will receive immediate attention.

Charlotte, May 3, 1841.

Officers of 68th Regiment, ATTENTION.

THE Officers of the 68th Regiment of North Carolina Militia are hereby commanded to appear in Charlotte on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., armed and equipped according to law, for the purpose of drill.

The Officers of the Colonel's staff are also expected to appear.

By order of the Col. Commdt.

J. H. KERNES, *Adjt.*

May 1, 1841.

ATTENTION!

Independent Greys.

YOU are commanded to appear at the Court House in Charlotte, on Thursday, the 20th instant precisely, at 10 o'clock, A. M., armed and equipped according to the Constitution of said Company, in Summer Uniform, with three rounds of *Ball Cartridge*, for the purpose target firing for the Plume and Medal.

By order of the Captain,

F. M. ROSS, O. S.

May 6, 1841.

were necessary for that purpose.

When I could compose my thoughts sufficiently to write, I sent a letter to the Count de Morcerf, requesting him to inform Mercedes of my safety, and to tell her that I should speedily return to her. I wrote another letter for Haydée, and dispatched it by the same messenger.

We arrived safely at Bâle, after a short and agreeable journey, and there I found the remainder of my property, which had been forwarded from Paris. I immediately drew upon my bankers to the amount of two thousand pounds, and then dismissed the servants and carriages which had conveyed us from Switzerland, retaining only Ali, Baptistin, and Haydée's attendant, who, as I have already mentioned, was a Greek woman, and had been purchased by Haydée herself.

I then proceeded to Lucerne, where I had appointed Mercedes to meet me, and engaged apartments for her reception in the Hôtel de Londres, which is situated on the borders of the lake, and commands a most delightful view of the mountains which surround it.

I had scarcely completed the arrangements for her comfort, when I received a letter from her, dated from Marseilles, in which she informed me that she had left Paris immediately after the departure of Albert, and that, in consequence of the weakness of her father, who was unable to support the fatigue of a journey, she had been compelled to travel by sea, and had arrived at Marseilles in a felucca. She added, that she had taken a small house in the Allées de Meilhan, and that she should remain there until she received my commands.

I was delighted to find that Mercedes was so near me, and I instantly wrote to her, begging her to hasten to Lucerne, and to bring her father with her. I then ordered apartments to be prepared for their reception in the Hôtel de Londres, and awaited their arrival with the most intense impatience.

Three days elapsed before I received any intelligence of them, but on the fourth I was informed that a lady and gentleman had arrived at the hotel, and had taken apartments for a week. I hastened to the house, and found Mercedes and her father in the salon. The meeting was a most affecting one, and I was deeply grieved to perceive the alteration which had taken place in the appearance of the old man since I had last seen him. He had grown thin and pale, and his hair, which had formerly been black as jet, was now white as silver. He was dressed entirely in black, and I learned from Mercedes that he had not yet laid aside the habiliments of mourning which he had assumed for Edmond Dantès.

Mercedes received me with the greatest affection, and I was delighted to find that she had entirely recovered the shock which my sudden appearance had occasioned her. She was dressed entirely in black, and looked, if possible, more beautiful than ever. Her father, who had formerly been a most violent Bonapartist, and had fought in the ranks of the Imperial army, had entirely changed his opinions since the Restoration, and was now a most devoted adherent of the Bourbons. He had been a colonel in the army, and had commanded a regiment at the battle of Waterloo, where he had received the cross of the Legion of Honour from the hands of the Emperor himself. He was a man of the most gentlemanly manners and appearance, and I felt convinced that Mercedes could not have made a more judicious choice.

Mercedes's apartments were situated immediately above those which I occupied, and I had the pleasure of seeing her every day. Haydée soon became attached to her, and I was delighted to find that the two ladies, who were both so dear to me, were equally pleased with each other's society. Haydée, who had never before seen a Christian, was astonished at the beauty of Mercedes, and the latter was equally surprised at the magnificence of the Greek girl's appearance and manners. Haydée, who had been brought up entirely in the harem of Ali Tebelin, had all the ideas of a child of nature, and her remarks frequently caused us to laugh heartily at her simplicity. She had a great dislike to the Count de Morcerf, whom she had seen frequently at the house of Ali Tebelin, and she was delighted to find that Mercedes entertained the same feelings as herself.

Three months passed away in the most perfect happiness, and I had begun to look upon the past as a frightful dream, when I received a letter from Albert de Morcerf, informing me that he was about to be married to Eugénie Danglars, and requesting me to be present at the ceremony. I was at first undecided whether I should accept the invitation or not, but I at length determined to do so, in the hope that I might be able to prevent the marriage, which I knew would be a source of misery to Mercedes. I therefore wrote to Albert, informing him that I should be present at the appointed time.

I arrived in Paris on the 25th of February, and proceeded to the Hôtel de Morcerf, in the Champs Elysées, where I found Albert and his servant Joseph awaiting my arrival. Albert appeared delighted to see me, and I was introduced to the Count and Countess de Morcerf, and to Mademoiselle Eugénie Danglars, who was to be married on the following day. The Count and Countess received me very politely, but Eugénie took no notice of me whatever, and scarcely deigned to return my bow. I was not sorry for this, as I had no wish to be honoured with the notice of a person whom I despised as much as I did Eugénie Danglars.

The Count de Morcerf had changed very much since I had last seen him. His hair was nearly white, and his face was pale and emaciated. He appeared to be in a very weak state of health, and frequently coughed violently. He was very attentive to Albert, and seemed to be passionately fond of him. The Countess was a handsome woman, but she had a very forbidding expression of countenance, and I could not help thinking that she was a cruel mother and an unkind wife. Eugénie was a young lady of a most singular character. She was extremely beautiful, but her beauty was entirely destroyed by the contempt which she openly showed for every one who came near her. She was a perfect mistress of the French language, but she frequently committed the most ridiculous blunders in speaking English, which she did because she thought it proved her superiority to the rest of the world. She was a most accomplished musician, and performed on the piano and harp in a manner which would have done credit to a professional performer. She was extremely fond of painting, and had made great progress in the art, considering that she had never received a lesson in her life. She had a great number of paintings in her room, which were generally very much admired by her friends, but which I thought were entirely devoid of merit. She was a perfect mistress of the Italian, German, and Spanish languages, and could converse fluently in each of them. She rode and drove admirably, and was an excellent shot with a pistol. She was, in fact, a most wonderful young lady, and I was not surprised to find that Albert was completely infatuated with her.

The day before the wedding, Albert called upon me, and begged me to accompany him to the Bois de Boulogne, as he wished to speak to me on a matter of importance. I immediately complied with his request, and we accordingly entered a carriage, and drove to the Bois. When we had proceeded about half-way down the Champs Elysées, Albert requested the coachman to stop, and we alighted from the carriage, and walked down a retired path.

"My dear Albert," said I, "what is the matter? You appear unusually agitated."

"I am," replied he, "and I am sure you will pardon me for troubling you with my affairs, when you hear that I am on the point of committing suicide."

"Suicide!" said I, in astonishment; "surely you are not serious?"

"I am, indeed," replied he, "for I have no other means of escaping from the misery which overwhelms me."

"Albert," said I, "you have been drinking, or you are mad. Suicide, indeed! What can have induced you to entertain such an idea?"

"Remorse," said he, in a hollow tone of voice, and striking his forehead violently with his hand.

"Remorse!" said I, in astonishment; "what can you have to reproach yourself with? Your character is unimpeachable, you have distinguished yourself in the service of your country, you have been promoted to the rank of colonel, you are beloved by your father, and are about to marry the woman of your choice, who is, moreover, one of the most beautiful girls I ever beheld. What, in Heaven's name, can induce you to speak of committing suicide?"

"Ah, Monte Cristo," said he, "you little know the misery I endure, or you would not wonder at my wishing to destroy myself. But I cannot stop here to explain my motives to you; we must not be overheard. Let us walk on, and I will tell you all."

We accordingly walked on, and Albert, after a pause of a few minutes, said, "You recollect, Monte Cristo, the day on which I challenged Beauchamp?"

"I do perfectly well," said I.

"You also recollect," said he, "that I left Paris immediately after fighting the duel, and proceeded to Marseilles?"

"I do," said I.

"Then you will perhaps recollect," said he, "that I was accompanied by a young Greek girl, and her attendant?"

"I do," said I.

"Then," said he, "I will tell you that I loved that girl to distraction, and that I have sacrificed my honour, my character, my reputation, and my prospects in life, for her sake. I have lived with her for the last six months entirely for her, and she has repaid me by the basest ingratitude. She has left me for a richer lover, and has carried off with her all the money I possessed, and has left me penniless and broken-hearted. Is not that enough to drive me to commit suicide?"

"Certainly," said I, "it is enough to make you feel very unhappy, but not sufficient to induce you to commit so rash an act as suicide. Where is this Greek girl now?"

"I know not," said he, "nor do I care. I have cast her entirely from my heart, and have no wish ever to see her again."

"Albert," said I, "you are not speaking the truth. You say you have cast her entirely from your heart, and yet you wish to commit suicide on her account. Now, I am sure that you are deceiving me, and I shall not leave you until you tell me the real cause of your distress."

"Well," said he, "I will tell you all. You must know that I have been for the last six months the most miserable of men. Haydée—that is the name of the Greek girl—Haydée, I say, has been the only cause of my misery. She has ruined me in every way, and has rendered me the most unhappy of men. I have lost my honour, my character, my reputation, and my prospects in life, for her sake. She has left me for another, and has carried off with her all the money I possessed, and has left me penniless and broken-hearted. Is not that enough to drive me to commit suicide?"

"Albert," said I, "you are not in your right mind. Some fever has taken possession of your brain, and has rendered you delirious. Let me feel your pulse. Why, you are in a high state of fever. Let me entreat you to return home with me, and I will send for a physician, who will bleed you, and put you to bed. You will then be better able to converse with me on this subject."

"I am not delirious," said he, "nor am I in a fever. I am perfectly sensible of what I say, and am in my right mind. I am resolved to commit suicide, and nothing you can say will induce me to change my determination."

"Albert," said I, "I will not leave you. You are not in a fit state to be left alone, and I shall remain with you until you are more composed."

"Monte Cristo," said he, "you are my friend, and I am sorry to give you pain, but I am resolved to commit suicide, and I will do so